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Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
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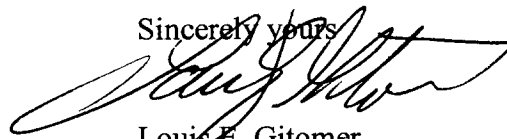
RE: Docket No. 565 (Sub-No. 10X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Worcester County, MA*  
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 616X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of  
Service Exemption—in Worcester County, MA*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Fitchburg and the City of Leominster (the "Cities") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 4.2 miles of railroad between milepost QBU-00 and milepost QBU-4.2 from Fitchburg to Leominster, in Worcester County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on January 18, 2006. CSX Transportation, Inc., on its own behalf and as successor in interest by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Cities, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Cities. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to July 17, 2006 to negotiate trail use with the Cities. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a 180-day extension to consummate the abandonment to September 15, 2006.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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cc: The Honorable Dan H. Mylott  
The Honorable Dean J. Mazzarella